

Investigative Report

July 8, 2008

Detective: S. Agnew

Suspect: Richard Nixon

Charges: Robbery, Possession Dangerous drugs with intent to distribute.

On July 7, 2008 I was contacted by patrol officer George Washington and advised that he had stopped a suspect for a purse snatching and that the suspect was willing to cooperate in a drug investigation. The suspect, Richard Nixon, was in an interview room and had not been booked on the pending charges. Officer Washington related that there was a possibility that Nixon's cooperation could result in a successful investigation of Coco Mocha and her associates. Mocha, is a well known and documented drug trafficker, she has been the focus of a multi-jurisdictional drug investigation that has been on going for several months.

Officer Washington informed me that Nixon had been informed of his rights per Miranda. Officer Washington related that Nixon indicated that he had recently seen Mocha in possession of several pounds of marijuana. Officer Washington related that Nixon was found in possession of \$200 cash, which was the amount of cash that the victim in the purse snatching had stated, was taken from her. Officer Washington turned over to me three (3) plastic baggies containing approximately ¼ ounce each of marijuana that he had seized from Nixon.

I contacted Nixon in the interview room and initiated an informal interview in an attempt to gain his cooperation in regard to his drug involvement with Mocha and her associates. Nixon wanted some assurance that if he cooperated he would receive consideration for the pending charges against him. I advised him that I could not make him any promises but would ask the prosecutor for consideration consistent with his level of cooperation.

Nixon was somewhat deceptive and not readily cooperative during the interview. He insisted that the purse snatching was not a robbery and he was fearful that if he provided information on Mocha he would suffer retribution from her and her associates. During the interview it became apparent that Nixon did have current and significant drug information concerning Mocha. He also had knowledge of the robbery. I informed him that if the interview was going to continue that he would have to sign a Miranda waiver of rights form as this would be part of any deal that I could offer. The rights form was signed by Nixon and the interview continued.

Nixon provided information that the marijuana that was found on him did come from Mocha and that he owed her money for it. Nixon related that he recently saw Mocha at her residence and saw her in possession of several pounds of marijuana. Nixon related that he has been a regular customer of Mocha's and she frequently fronts him drugs and he pays her for the drugs at a later date.

I explained to Nixon that his cooperation would require him to operate as a confidential informant and this would require him to work in an undercover capacity. He would be required to exchange money and drugs with Mocha during the investigation. I informed him that his cooperation would require him to wear a "wire" (electronic surveillance equipment) during the investigation. This was necessary so that we could listen to the conversations he has with Mocha and use them as evidence. The "wire" also was to ensure his safety.

I informed Nixon that part of his cooperation would require his testimony in court if needed. Nixon related that he would not cooperate in the manner proposed. He indicated that he wanted to talk to an attorney. I asked him if he would at least tell me where the ladies purse was and he stated "screw that old lady".

The interview was terminated and I booked Nixon into the county detention center on the charges of Robbery per MCA 45-5-401 and Criminal possession with intent to distribute per MCA 45-9-103. The three (3) baggies of marijuana were booked into evidence and a request for chemical analysis was submitted to the State Crime Laboratory.

For additional information refer to Officer Washington's report and statement obtained from Victoria Warm Springs that are contained in the file.